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WAR CABINET DOCUMENTS OBTAINED BY "KLOD" THROUGH FRIENDS IN "THE NOOK":  
DOCUMENTS PHOTOGRAPHED AND RETURNED (1946)

From: CANBERRA

To: MOSCOW

No.: 123

19 March 1946

To VIKTOR[i].

As [6 groups unrecovered] to "KLOD"[ii] to get the document (the original) on "Security of INDIA and the INDIAN Ocean" through his friends in "the NOOK [ZAKOULOK]"[iii]. Recently "KLOD" [6 groups unrecovered] copy of the documents (originals): "Security of INDIA and the INDIAN Ocean", Copy No. 78, 14 pages, and "Security in the Eastern MEDITERRANEAN and the Eastern ATLANTIC", Copy No. 109, 10 pages. Both documents were prepared by the English Post-Hostilities Planning Staff [7 groups unrecovered] for the War Cabinet. The documents are dated 19 May 1945 and signed by three people: C. C. A. ALLEN, F. C. CURTIS and P. WARBURTON. At the same time there is a note on the documents to the effect that their texts are final and that their circulation has been strictly limited. [2 groups unrecovered] there is an additional handwritten note to the effect that this copy of the documents is issued for the personal use of Colonel ROMKE[iv]. Appropriate operational maps are appended to the documents. The operation of handing over the documents was organized by "KLOD" in CANBERRA, where he recently arrived by car (one of the cars he uses to carry out his illegal work: the latter do(es) not belong to the FRATERNAL[BRATEKAYA][v]. The documents

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were handed over to us for 35 minutes. During this time we photographed them and returned them to "KLOD". [9 groups unrecovered] "KLOD" in [vi] CANBERRA

[11 groups unrecovered]

"KLOD"

[13 groups unrecovered],  
[1 group unrecovered]

it would be necessary to transmit immediately to MOSCOW but this will require copious telegraphic correspondence. We urgently request your instructions.

No. 20[vii]

EFIM[viii]

- Footnotes:
- [i] VIKTOR: Lt General Pavel Nikhajlovich FITIN
  - ✗ [ii] KLOD: is "CLAUDE"; Walter Seddon CLAYTON.
  - ✓ [iii] NOOK: Department of External Affairs.
  - ✓ [iv] Colonel RONKE: Not traced.
  - ✓ [v] FRATERNAL: Communist Party.
  - [vi] Or "to".
  - ✓ [vii] a. In reply to this message, VIKTOR asked EFIM to telegraph the text of the documents as soon as possible (MOSCOW's No. 62 of 21 March 1946, unpublished). [3. x. 2299]
  - b. The text of both documents - references P.H.P. (45)15(0) (Final) and P.H.P. (45)6(0) (Final) - was sent in two multi-part messages (CANBERRA's Nos. 126, 127, 129, 131-4, 136, 138, 139 - internal serial No. 21 - of 22-28 March 1946, and Nos. 159-163, 165, 166, 169, 171, 175, 178, etc - internal serial No. 23 - of 29 March-3 April 1946, both unpublished).
  - c. A repeat of part of CANBERRA's No. 21 was requested in MOSCOW's No. 71 of 29 March 1946 (3/NBF/T383-1) and sent in CANBERRA's No. 164 of 31 March 1946 (unpublished). [4. x. 2299]
  - [viii] EFIM: Semen Ivanovich MAKAROV